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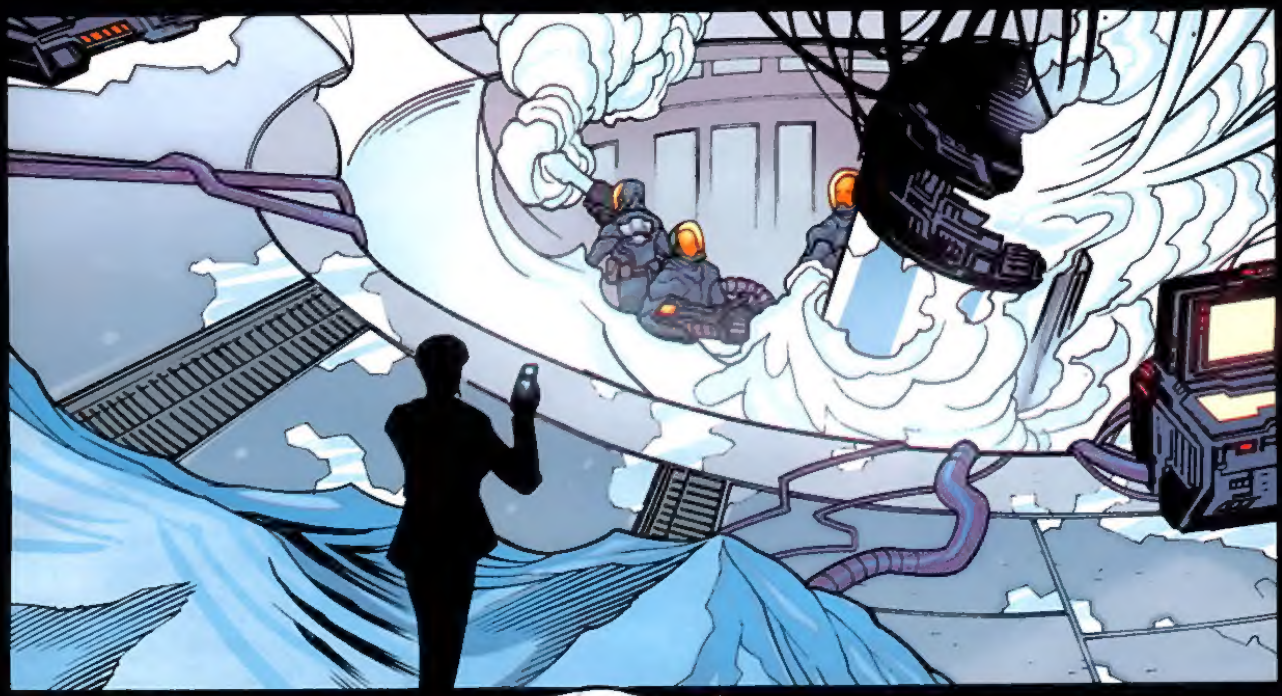


I SAW THE BODY. OR *PIECES* OF THE BODY. IT WASN'T BRIT.

NO, SOME WEATHER DEVICE...
IT'S A CLIMATE ENGINE.
WHATEVER... WENT FUBAR BEFORE I GOT ANSWERS....THE ENTIRE COMPLEX IS *ICE STATION ZEBRA.*

BUT I *DID* FIND BRIT.

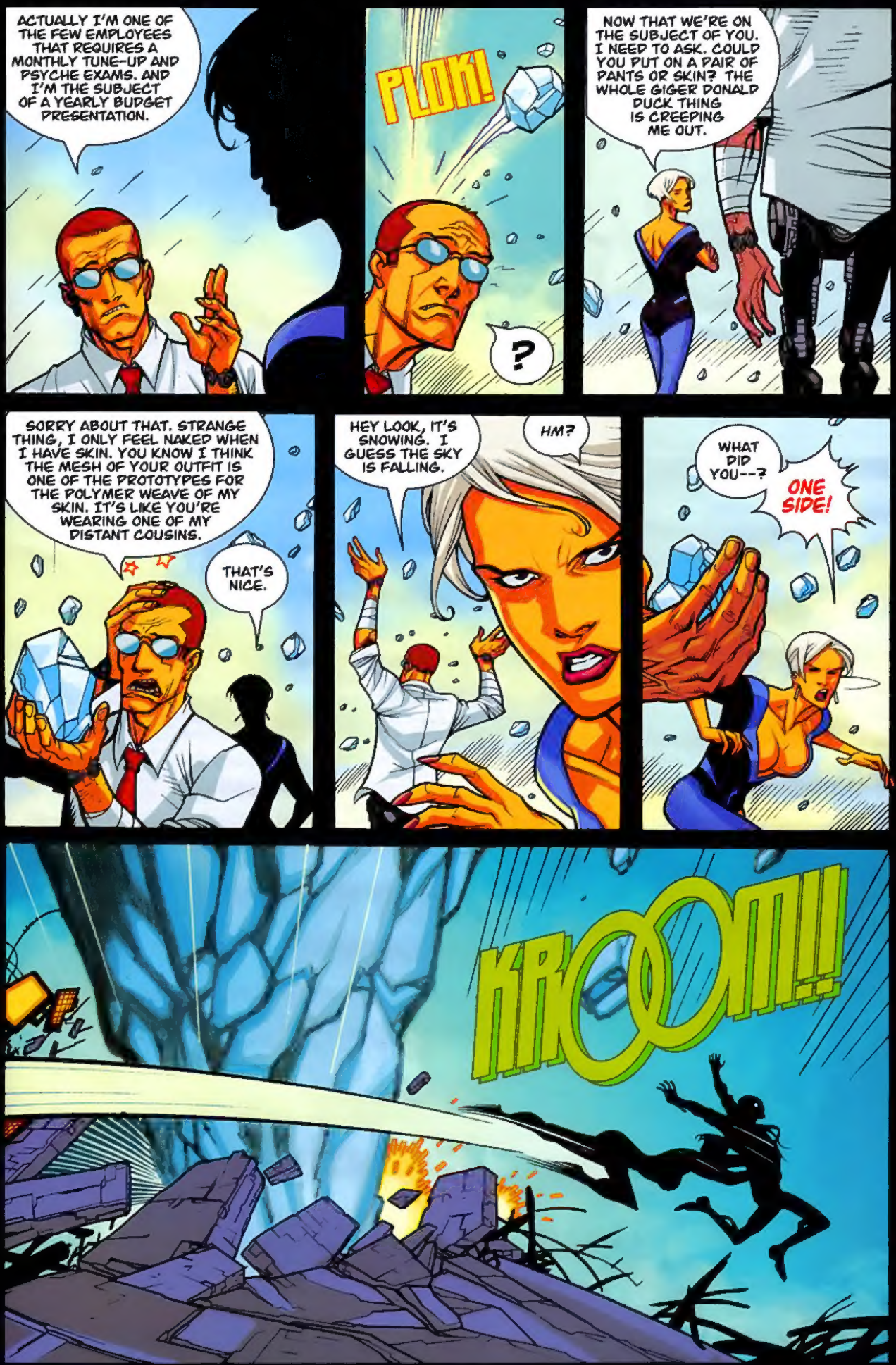
HEY, BECKY, CALL ME BACK. I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK. LOOK INTO SOMETHING FOR ME.
DONALD, THOSE DE-ICER THINGS THEY'RE USING. YOU SURE THEY WON'T... DEFROST BRIT OR SOMETHING?
I CHECKED WITH APPLIED SCIENCE AND CRYONICS. THE DE-ICERS ARE SOME MASTURBATION OF SUBSONICS AND SUPERHEATED STEAM. I THINK IT'S LIKE FISHING WITH DYNAMITE. A.S. IS OBSESSED WITH DANGEROUS APPLIANCES; YOU SHOULD SEE THEIR QUANTUM EASYBAKE OVEN.
DONALD, I DON'T WANT THE TECH NOTES.
OK, ANYWAY, CRYONICS SAYS BRIT IS DEEP BLUE, DEEPER THAN HAN SOLO; BARRING AN UNREAL EVENT, THE DE-ICERS ARE LIKE CANDLES NEXT TO AN ICEBERG.
DONALD, WE LIVE THREE MILES PAST UNREAL.
I DIDN'T THINK YOU COULD GET A SIGNAL DOWN HERE.
THIS ISN'T A CELL PHONE. IT'S BECKY.
WHAT'S BECKY?
NOT WHAT. *WHO*. I'M NOT SURE I COULD EXPLAIN BECKY ANYWAY. AT THE MOMENT BECKY'S HITTING ON SOME SOLDIER TRAPPED AT A LAUNDROMAT.

LAUNDROMAT
I'M TRYING TO REQUISITION SOME QUARTERS. AND SOME DRYER SHEETS. WELL...I'VE NEVER BEEN TO PARIS, BUT I HAVE MY OWN HANDCUFFS.
HOLD ON.
SIR. DO NOT TOUCH THE GARMENT!
PEEL MY POTATO, LEON!
OK. I BROUGHT YOU A CHANGE OF CLOTHES. AND COFFEE.
OH, NOT THIS. I THOUGHT I'D BURNED THEM ALL.
YOUR OLD UNIFORM. 100% DISTORTION MESH. WE HAD TWO IN THE RED VAULT. THE UNWASHED ONE I THINK WAS SOLD ON EBAY. SOMEHOW.
I'D HOPED I WOULD NEVER HAVE TO WEAR ONE OF THESE THINGS AGAIN.
UM... HEY. DO YOU...?

THE ENTIRE R&D DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO GET LAID.
A-HO. I THINK I KNOW WHAT I'M GETTING THE WIFE FOR CHRISTMAS.
DO I WHAT? DONALD, DON'T GET LOST IN THE ARCHITECTURE.
SO... BAROQUE. UH, SORRY.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?
DO YOU THINK HE'S ALIVE UNDER THAT ICE?
ABOUT WHAT?
I CAN'T HEAR A HEARTBEAT. I DON'T KNOW.
I'M NOT SURE WHAT TO THINK EITHER. IF THAT'S BRIT, WHO HAVE I BEEN WORKING WITH...AND FOR HOW LONG?
WHATEVER YOU SAW DIE, IT WASN'T BRIT. UNFORTUNATELY, WHATEVER ANSWERS WE'RE HOPING FOR WILL HAVE TO WAIT. THE OLD MAN YANKED DEPUTY DIRECTOR SLITTER UPSTAIRS BEFORE HIS SPHINCTER COULD TIGHTEN.
THE GOVERNMENT'S PREMIERE SECRET HEADQUARTERS TURNED INTO A BAD VODKA AD ON HIS WATCH. I'M GUESSING THAT'S ON THE A-LIST FOR CAREER SUICIDES.
I WOULDN'T TAKE BETS. CATS LAND ON THEIR FEET. SLITTER LANDS ON THE CAT. HE MIGHT BE A GOATKNOT AT PLAYING MACHIAVELLI IN PINSTRIPES, BUT HE'S THREE QUARTERS COCKROACH.
I'VE BEEN THINKING. MAYBE THEY DID TO BRIT WHAT THEY DID TO ME.
OIL ALWAYS RISES TO THE TOP.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
MAYBE THE BEAN COUNTERS UPSTAIRS DECIDED IT WAS COST EFFECTIVE TO TURN BRIT INTO ANOTHER SCIENCE PROJECT.

EMPLOYEE 27-E: BILL "MAGMA MAN" STERKOWITZ. HAVE YOU EVER HARVESTED A MAGMALIAN BEFORE?
I DISSECTED A CAT IN A BUCKET IN COLLEGE FOR BIOLOGY.
RRRRRR
THIS IS PRETTY COOL. THESE GUYS DON'T HAVE ORGANS, JUST A KINDA BIOLUMINESCENT TOMATO SOUP. SKIN LIKE A ROCK THOUGH.
RRRRRRR
SKNNKK
WE CRACK HIM OPEN, DRAIN HIM. USE THE SOUP FOR CHEMICAL FLASHLIGHTS, KEY CHAINS. AND GOES GREAT WITH CHICKEN. YOU SHOULD TRY IT. IT'S TANGY. BUT IT MAKES YOUR POOP GLOW.
>GASP!<
>GASP!<
I'M ALIVE! HE SAVED ME. BILL SWALLOWED ME. IT WAS LIKE... ALL THOSE DREAMS ABOUT MY MOTHER. OH GOD, I THINK I WANT TO BE A VEGETARIAN.
>GASP!<
IT HAPPENS.


ACTUALLY I'M ONE OF THE FEW EMPLOYEES THAT REQUIRES A MONTHLY TUNE-UP AND PSYCHE EXAMS. AND I'M THE SUBJECT OF A YEARLY BUDGET PRESENTATION.
PLOK!
?
NOW THAT WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT OF YOU. I NEED TO ASK. COULD YOU PUT ON A PAIR OF PANTS OR SKIN? THE WHOLE GIGER DONALD DUCK THING IS CREEPING ME OUT.
SORRY ABOUT THAT. STRANGE THING, I ONLY FEEL NAKED WHEN I HAVE SKIN. YOU KNOW I THINK THE MESH OF YOUR OUTFIT IS ONE OF THE PROTOTYPES FOR THE POLYMER WEAVE OF MY SKIN. IT'S LIKE YOU'RE WEARING ONE OF MY DISTANT COUSINS.
THAT'S NICE.
HEY LOOK, IT'S SNOWING. I GUESS THE SKY IS FALLING.
HM?
WHAT DID YOU--?
ONE SIDE!
KRROOM!!!

OH MAN.
I THINK THOSE CANDLES JUST LIT THAT DYNAMITE.
CALL THEM OFF BEFORE--
WROKK!
--THE ICE CEILING COMPLETELY DESTABILIZES.
CRRRRAAACKKK!
UH... TOO LATE?

RUN, YOU IDIOTS.
KHOOM!!!
FWOOOOSH
HELLO, UNREAL EVENT.

GOD... BRIT. THANK GOD. I THOUGHT...WE THOUGHT...
HER...
BRIT?
VELVET...
LEON!!
KRAKK!!
SQUEEEK!

IS THIS NORMAL? THIS HAPPEN WHEN YOU FIRST WOKE UP?
NO, SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT.
TRY VEAL.
WOW.
MOVE NOW, WOW LATER.
WHUFF!
PFFT. I NEED A VACATION.
CLIK CLIK CLIK
HE ACTUALLY PANCAKED ME. I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM THAT BULL STRONG.
HEH, DRAMATIC COUPLET.
HIS EYES, HIS EYES ARE WRONG.

I'M GOING TO GO TRADE LICKS. YOU MOVE THOSE LITTLE LEGS AND CALL CAVALRY. IF HE'S AS STRONG NOW AS HE IS THICK, AND OUT OF HIS MIND... IT'S TROUBLE.
UM... OK.
WHAT IS IT WITH YOU AND FIGHTING NAKED?
WROKK!
LOOK AT ME, POOH BEAR. ALL I NEED IS ONE LOOK TO SEE WHO'S HOME.
EAT UP, APE.
WRONG EYES... DAMN.

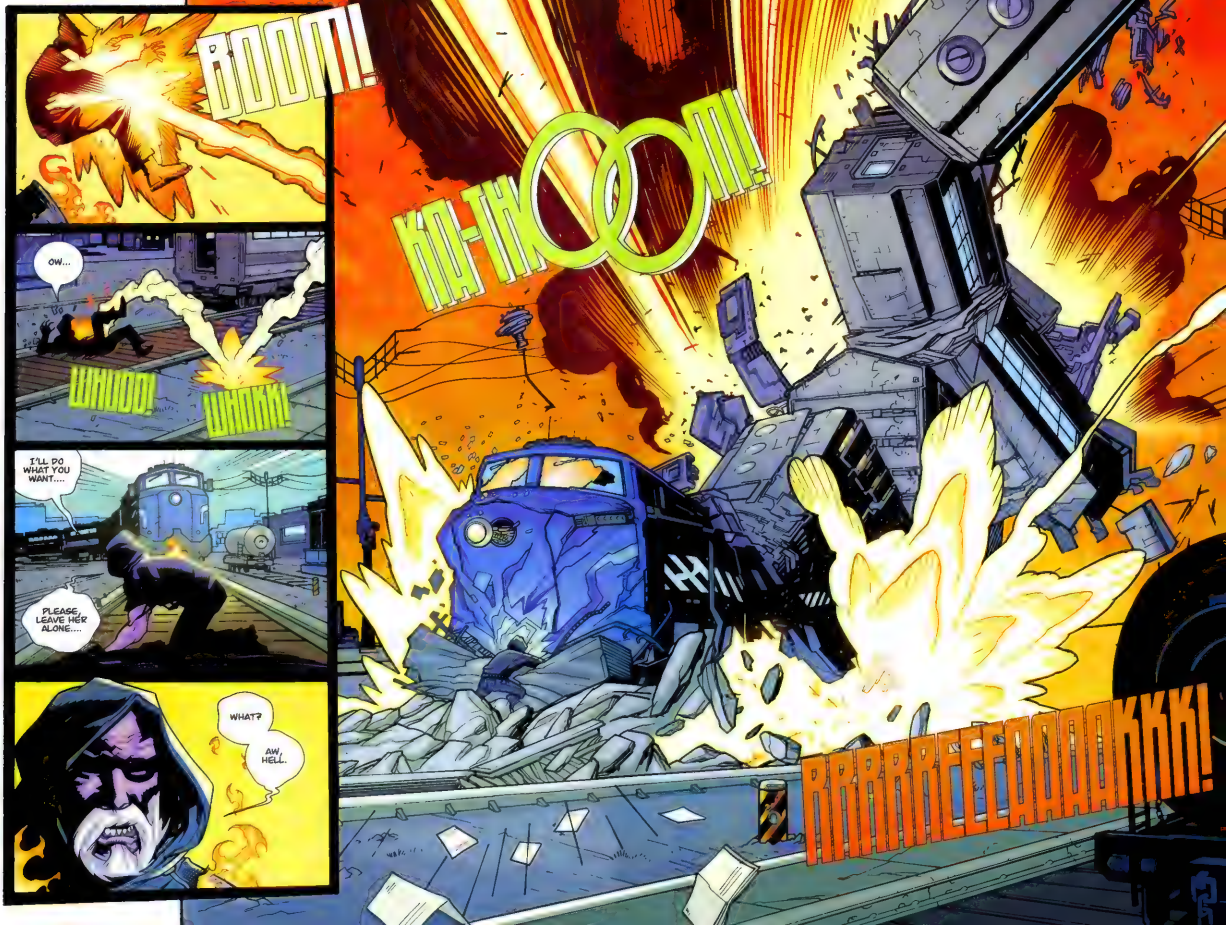
YOU ARE NOT BRIT!
SKRABB!!
LLHHHLLL.
EW.
HAVE AN EEL!

WHAT ARE YOU?!
DEAD HERO.
NOT LIKE THIS. I'M NOT GOING DOWN AT THE HANDS OF A DEFECTIVE CLONE OF MY BROTHER DRESSED LIKE THIS.
NO!

IF IT'S NOT BRIT, THEN IT'S TARGET PRACTICE.
OWOWOW.
TIME DELAY MISSILE--- COMING UP.
PSHOOM!!
LET'S HOPE IT'S ENOUGH.
GET OFF ME. TOO MUCH HENTAI.
I'LL DO WHAT YOU WANT...

THREE...
TWO...
PLEASE, LEAVE HER ALONE.
THRAK
OOM!
ARE YOU OK?
ASK ME AGAIN AFTER A 4 HOUR SHOWER AND SEVERAL YEARS OF THERAPY.
WHAT IS GOING ON?
AND WHERE THE HELL IS BRIT?

NOT WARM YET.
NOT WET YET.
VENEREAL HOLE.
STILL WITH THE ANAGRAMS?
IT'S A PITY. I'VE BEEN ENJOYING THE GAME. UNFORTUNATELY, I'M TOLD OUR TIME IS UP.
CLICK
LET'S JOG YOUR MEMORY.
PSHOOOOM!!


BOOM!
OW...
WHUOO!
WHOKK!
I'LL DO WHAT YOU WANT...
PLEASE, LEAVE HER ALONE...
WHAT?
AW, HELL.
KA-THOOM!
RRRRRREEEAAAAKKK!

YEAH...
MY NAME IS BRIT.

BRIT

Welcome to BRIT #3. Very exciting, huh?

I gotta say, I think this is the best issue of the series so far... totally kick ass. And Brit on that last page? TOTAL SWEETNESS. Cliff Rathburn (aided by Admirable Andy Kuhn) is kicking total ass on this book.

Just wait until you cats see what Bruce Brown and the rest of the team have in store for the future... great stuff.

Things are going good here at Brit--the sales on the series are solid. Bruce and I are already discussing his second arc on the book (7-12) and beyond... very cool stuff on the way. It'd be nice to make it to 50 on this puppy.

And in order to do that--we'll need a name for this letters column. You know the drill, send in your suggestions and we'll send you a price. Maybe some original art... maybe a signed book... maybe a dirty sock... we'll decide.

Now, maybe I should answer some of this mail.

Mr. Kirkman
Let me start by saying thank you for bringing us a Brit ongoing series. This character definitely holds his own. I picked up the TPB from your boy Tony Moore at the HeroesCon. Although I had already read the Graphic novel it seemed fresh and new with the added colors. It finally felt complete.

It really did for me too--it's like Val Staples was always meant to color it but just now got around to doing it. I urge anyone reading this who hasn't purchased the all-new full-color Brit Volume 1: Old Soldier TPB to run out and buy one now... I could use the scratch for diapers and stuff.

Working in a larger comic shop I have had a chance to preach this to others. So far not one person has been disappointed. In Kirkman we trust, therefore I am going to accept this Bruce Brown character as your exact double and expect nothing less than spectacular. I would also like to add something that is long over due.

FINALLY CLIFF RATHBURN ON AN ONGOING BOOK!

Sorry for the outburst but I think this guy doesn't get his due. Thank you for delivering him onto us. I look forward to this series.

I whole-heartedly agree... Cliff Rathburn is doing a great job on this series and I don't think Bruce will disappoint you either. Good stuff.

Now for the questions:

1) Brit is the invincibility haver. But is he the super-strength haver? I think he "f-ed" up some pretty tough villains in the TPB (Brit: Old Soldier available in stores now!).

Brit DOES NOT have super-strength. He's never been shown lifting anything heavy or anything like that. The train at the end of this issue pushed Brit into the ground until he was unmovable... that's how that happened. Honest. He's only as strong as a normal dude as muscular as he is. His sister however... got a better deal.

2) Is this going to cross-over with Invincible or Ast. Wolf-Man? I think that would be outstanding.

It will... with both, but not soon.

3) Are we going to see if Brit's kid has powers? Maybe a future team-up with Invincible's not-so little brother? Far future of course.

We will indeed see if Brit's son, Brit Junior has powers. Be on the lookout.

4) Any chance we're gonna see some familar villains?

Eventually.

That's it for now.

Also thank you for Walking Dead twice in two weeks. Am I missing something? Oh, right. Your pesky Marvel stuff...

Ult. X-Men is awesome keep it coming. Ant-Man is too good for Marvel. Just take Shrinking Ray and make another hit series. I know he's dead but that's why it gives some random jerk a chance to fill his tiny shoes.

P.S. I don't really think he's dead.

Tell the guys to keep up the good work. Special thanks to Image comics for all the good stuff.

Thanx,
Joe Leone

Thanks for writing.

Who am I writing to? Kirkman?!! Brown?!

For now? Kirkman... but Bruce would probably do a better job of this so I might enlist him for next issue... we'll see.

You've done found yourself a worthy scribe, Captain Kirkman. This Bruce Brown guy is as quotable in his excellent eccentricity as Stan Lee. I'm reading Brit #1 and popping lines like "Burp, you bitch!" and "don't forget the dryer sheets" and thinking it doesn't get any better until I look up Mr. Brown on the internet because I don't believe your hooey about his alias Kimo Temperance (true), and then I find lines like "As an artist Rathburn is the best spider, because he can take a script, suck it to a husk and then shit a beautiful web" and "The goal is to pay homage but still build my brand of nitroglycerine and let it uncurl like a headslug in Chekov." I'd like to second that comment on Rathburn. Bout time he was back in the limelight... been too long since Reaper.

It has... but man has he gotten better since Reaper. And yeah, Bruce REALLY does have a way with words. I don't think it'll be long before we see his magnificent writing spread to other corners of the comics industry--we'll see.

Question: would Brit ever carry shark repellent in his utility belt?

That's almost ALL he carries. He HATES sharks.

I am so sick of Wolverine right now I wish Brit would just go over there and beat the shit out of him. I think only one writer should get to work on that over-abused owl pellet at a time. Write as many goddamn Wolvie titles as you want but he only gets one voice at a time. Forgive me I rant.

That's a little random, pal. I have no control over Wolverine... if I did though... he'd be awesome and I'd add more titles.

Thank you for bringing Brit back for another tour of duty, and thank you for commissioning Mr. Brown to do it.

Bruce? Is that you?

I think you should title your letters column "...bring it." Or don't have a letters column.

Brit is the shit.
-Brian Hans

I think I like "Brit is the shit" better... but your suggestions have been noted. We'll probably decide on a winner for the name the letters column contest by next issue.

Hey Robert, Mr Kirkman, Comic writing God,

Could you have B squared stop with the "Jesus"? Just kidding a little of my most favorite comic in the universe Invincible letters humor.

HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!

...

Not funny.

So Brit is divorced? WTH? Brit Jr needs his daddy. Daddy needs his stripper/wife. What's up with the well done Brit at the end of #1? I was worried about someone besides you writing Brit and I was right....charbroiled on the last page....arghhhh.

I know... it took me two issues to talk Bruce into bringing Brit back. I still don't even know if he did... and while it may appear they're in the process of getting a divorce, I'm not sure it's final yet. So stay tuned.

B squared wrote a heck of an issue and Brit is on my pull list at Star comics now. Wow what a comeback.....I just hope he is in #2....hope my letter is in #2.....hope B squared and Rathburn are in #2....hope world peace is in #2....hope a drawn cameo of you is in Brit.....hope Invincible will stop in.....hope....awww heck I am out of hopes. Shameless plug for the greatest comic ever Invincible. But.....

Brit's da $#:%
Ya'll are awesome,
Tyson Cromeens

Heh... "Brit is the shit" again, huh... maybe it will be the name for the letters column.

Mr. Kirkman,
What a great, and epic issue of Brit, I was very excited when this came out just like I was when Invincible, The Astounding Wolf-man, and The walking dead started out, it shows You still have it, and you will always will have it!

Heh, I don't think he knows I didn't write this book. Bruce certainly has it and who knows if I have it or will always have it if I do have it.

The art work is great, Cliff really brings this comic to life! But enough about him, let's talk about you. You got me hooked to your stuff when you did Tech Jacket, and I'm looking forward for more of your stuff. One more thing, are we going to see any Invincible cameos in the future of Brit?

Your fan from the beginning....
-Jordan Bechor

Invincible will show up very soon actually... so keep a lookout.

And with that we bring this letters column to a close. Please write in with your letters column name suggestions... I literally have no ideas... and "Brit is the Shit" might not be completely appropriate. So help me out!

Until next month... keep it real!

-Robert Kirkman

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COULD THINGS BE OVER BEFORE THEY EVEN TRULY BEGIN?

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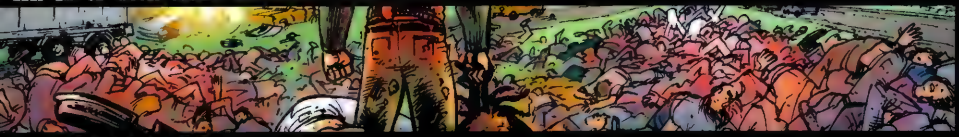

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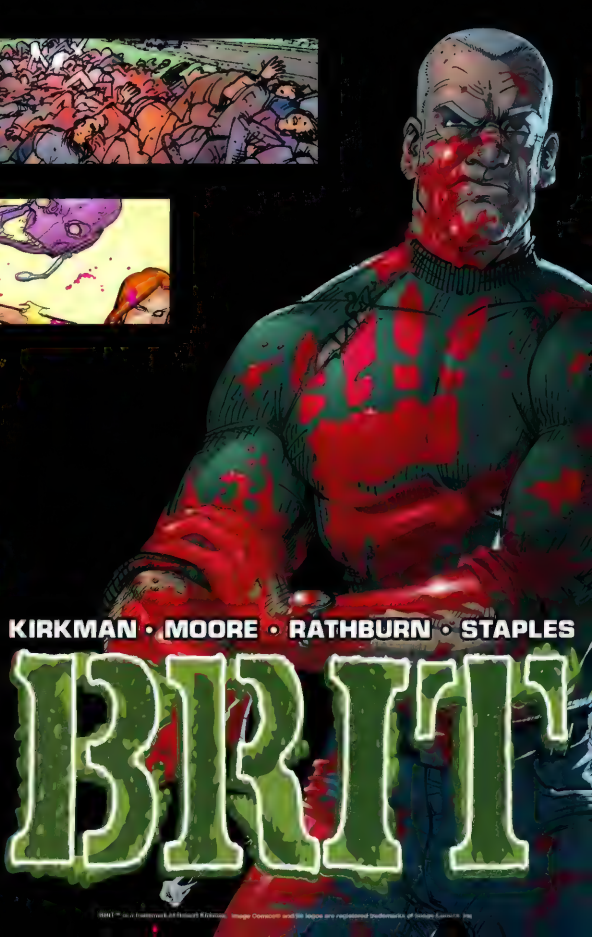

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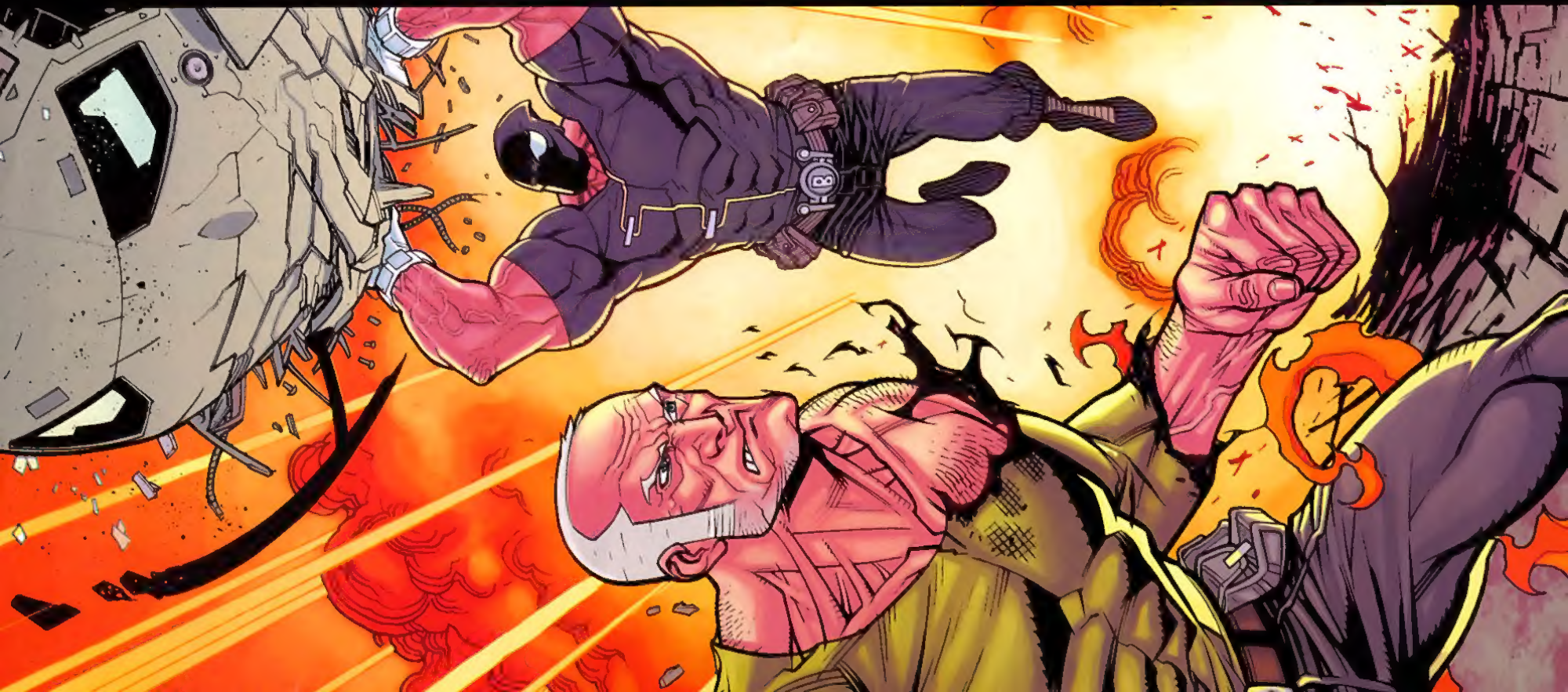

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